

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A dermatological composition for the neutralization of an acid peel comprising an alkaline agent; and about 0.1 to about 10 percent of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent; wherein the pH of the composition is greater than about 7.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the pH of the composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.
3. The composition of claim 2 wherein the pH of the composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.
4. The composition of claim 1 comprising from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.
5. The composition of claim 4 comprising from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.
6. The composition of claim 5 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is selected from the group consisting of cetareths, ceteths, cetyl alcohol, deceths, dodoxynols, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl stearate, laneths, myreths, nonoxynols, octoxynols, oleths, PEG-castor oil, poloxamers, poloxamines, polysorbates, ammonium laureth sulfate and sodium laureth sulfate, and mixtures thereof.
7. The composition of claim 6 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is octoxynol-9.

8. The composition of claim 6 wherein the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent is polysorbate-20.

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*POE (20) polidoxan monolaurate (12)*

9. An absorbent pad saturated with the composition of claim 1.

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10. A method for the treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the steps of:  
a) applying to the skin a first composition comprising a skin renewing acid component in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first composition is between about 2.5 and about 4; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second composition comprising an alkaline agent and from about 0.1 to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second composition is greater than about 7.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.

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13. The method of claim 10 wherein the second composition comprises from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the second composition comprises from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

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15. The method of claim 14 wherein the surfactant/emulsifying agent of the second composition is selected from the group consisting of cetareths, ceteths, cetyl alcohol, deceths, dodecynols, glyceryl palmitate, glyceryl stearate, laneths, myreths, nonoxynols, octoxynols, oleths, PEG-castor oil, poloxamers, poloxamines, polysorbates, ammonium laureth sulfate and sodium laureth sulfate, and mixtures thereof.
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16. A kit for the treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising:  
a first composition comprising a skin renewing acid component in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the first composition is between about 2.5 and about 4;  
a second composition comprising an alkaline agent and about 0.1 to about 10 percent of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein the pH of the second composition is greater than about 7; and  
a means for applying the first and second compositions, the compositions being adapted for sequential application to the skin of the consumer.
17. The kit of claim 16 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 7.1 and about 12.
18. The kit of claim 17 wherein the pH of the second composition is between about 8 and about 8.5.
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19. The kit of claim 16 wherein the second composition comprises from about 1% to about 5% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.
20. The kit of claim 19 wherein the second composition comprises from about 2% to about 3% of the at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent.

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